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I want to urge and Department of Justice to settle this case. The decision by the Court of Appeals was tough enough. The Company is willing to comply and schools will be helped by this decision to require Microsoft to donate a large amount of merchandise. Just because the Company is large and successful it should not be further penalized. The competitors of Microsoft have gone too far in urging the other states not to accept the agreement, to require the Company to do even more. Microsoft employs a large work force, it certainly contributes a great amount to the American economy and to that of the area where it is located. Let's get on beyond this stage of extracting more "blood from the turnip" to so speak, settle the case and let successful companies free to continue to innovate and succeed, Signed: William W. Crowder, PH.D. 629 North Street, Lafayette, IN 47901.